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1 Samuel 16:7

“Inside”



But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

The Lord told Samuel to disregard physical appearance in making his decision. The God-

directed selection was
not to be based on
attractiveness or even
height.

As we know, those are
two factors which are
still considered to be
revered even today.

However, God has a very
different measure of
value.

God did not approve of
one but did approve of
another based on specific
criteria for a specific
task. At least in that case,
God was looking on the
inside—
the heart or a godly
particular characteristic.

We have Scripture
reminding us that God
does not see

things in the same way
humans see things.

This is totally in line with
the biblical passage
which tells us that God's
thoughts and ways are
much higher than our
thoughts and
ways (Isaiah 55:8,9).

Throughout Scripture
we are urged to be aware

of discrepancy between
the outside (what is
displayed)
and the INSIDE
(what is real from the
heart).

If you're ever
contemplating the
godliness of a person,
the main consideration
should be hers or his
INSIDE.